GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department — Procurement of Bajra under Minimum Support Price during Rabi 2022-23 — Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency- Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No.284 Dated:21.04.2023
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture & Cooperation (MKTG. II) Department, Dated: 09-01-2020.
2. MSP for Kharif crops for KMS 2022-23 declared by GoI vide Dept. of Agricultural & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, letterdt 15-06-2022
3. No. Stat(2) 18/2022 dated 31-01-2023 received from Commissioner of Agriculture
4. Lr from MD, AP Markfed, R.C.No.P&M/Bajra/MSP/KMS/2022-23, Dt:28.02.2023.

ORDER:

In the Government Order 1st read above, the guidelines for Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of Coarse Grains were issued and communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government of India have communicated the declared Minimum Support Price for Bajra as Rs. 2350 per Qtl for 2022-23.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Spl Commissioner of Agriculture has informed that, during Rabi, Bajra is cultivated in area of 1949 Ha. against previous year cultivated area of 1209 Ha., and the expected Bajra production is 4445 MTs during this season.

4. In the ref 4th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, as per the revised guidelines issued by Dept. of Food & Public Distribution for procurement of Coarse Grains under PSS Central Government will provide financial assistance for the coarse grains procured under MSP provided these procured coarse grains are to be distributed under PDS. In Andhra Pradesh, the Bajra is not distributed under PDS. Therefore, the Government of India may not provide any financial assistance for the procurement of Bajra under MSP, thus Bajra has to be procured in State Government account only.

5. Accordingly, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate, the AP Markfed as State Level Nodal Agency for Rabi procurement of Bajra under MSP and the required funds of Rs. 3.30 crores for procurement of 1,111 MTs Bajra at MSP may be arranged from the Price Stabilization Fund of State Government. Further it has been requested to bear the losses araised if any in the transaction (expected is about Rs. 0.96 crores) by the State Government from Price Stabilization Fund(PSF).

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal hereby nominate the A.P Markfed as the State Nodal Agency for procurement of 1,111 MTs Bajra under MSP during Rabi-2022-23, subject to the following ...

(i) To reduce the storage charges at the previous procurement rate i.e.Rs.120/- per Qtl through negotiating with the owners of Godowns .

(ii) To liquidate the existing stock of bajra as early as possible before arrival of new stocks.

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(iii) To sell the procured quantity for a better price as was done previously by exploring the options like forward contracts or off-take agreements with large buyers to obtain a better price than currently proposed.

(iv) To meet the losses may arise from the MSP operations of Bajra from the Central Market Fund.

7. The Managing Director, A.P.Markfed., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of The Finance (FMU. A &C, AH DD &F, CS) Department vide their U.O.No:FIN01- FMU0ASD(AC)/23/2023-FMU-AC-CS-AH, (C.No: 2023855),Dt: 31/03/2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY IFS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P.Markfed, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Guntur.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.
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PS to Hon'ble Minister for Agri. & Coop.
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SECTION OFFICER